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1. I HAVE JUST BEEN INFORMED BY S.S. NAVAL LIAISON OFFICER
NEWTON THAT THE SS YELOWSTONE SANK EARLY THIS AFTERNOON,
EXACT TIME NOT KNOWN BUT APPARENTLY AROUND 1400ZULU. CAP-
TAIN AND FOURTEEN REMAINING CREW MEMBERS REPORTEDLY GOT OFF
YELLOWSTONE SAFELY AND ARE NOW ENROUTE TO GIBRALTAR.

2. I WISH TO COMMEND THE OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE OF THE
BRITISH NAVY THROUGHOUT THIS ODEAL. THE HMS FINWHALE WAS
AT THE SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT WITHIN MINUTES OF THE COLLISION
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AND HMS AURORA, HMS NORFOLK AND THE OLNA ARRIVED SHORTLY
AFTER. NAVAL AND CIVILIAN TUGS WERE ALSO SOON ON THE
SCENE TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE. EVERYTHING
WAS DONE THATCOULD BE DONE TO SAVE THE SHIP AND ITS CREW.
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